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TITLE: Method for offering real time price data and purchase service between dealer and store over internet

INVENTOR: PARK, S C

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PRIORITY-DATA: 2003KR-0002503 (January 14, 2003)

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: KR2003023890A

BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A real time price data providing and purchase service method is provided to enable a store to purchase specific commodities based on the real time prices offered by plural dealers.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A plurality of stores and dealers access a service site, and subscribe for the service site while setting an ID and a password. In the case that the dealer logs in the service site, the service site displays a main dealer screen. If the dealer selects a store transaction approval window on the main dealer screen, the service site displays the stores which request a transaction, and approves the transaction request from the stores. If the dealer selects a store transaction request window, the service site outputs a commodity and a location selection screen for enabling the dealer to request a new transaction to a desired store by selecting a specific commodity or location. The dealer adds necessary commodities via a commodity management window, and updates the prices of the commodities supplied for all the stores affiliated at the service site for enabling the stores to check the real time prices of the commodities. In the case that the store logs in the service site, the service site displays a main store screen. If the store selects a price check and purchase window, the service site outputs all the commodity data. The store selects a specific commodity, and then the service site outputs all the prices of the selected commodity offered by the dealers for enabling the store to purchase the commodity at the lowest price. Then, the store selects a dealer transaction approval window and a dealer transaction request window for getting a transaction approval from a corresponding dealer, selecting a location of the store, and requesting a desired dealer to make a new transaction.

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: KR2003023890A

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File: USPT

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US-PAT-NO: 6484149

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6484149 B1

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TITLE: Systems and methods for viewing product information, and methods for generating web pages

DATE-ISSUED: November 19, 2002

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APPL-NO: 08/ 948453 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 10, 1997

INT-CL: [07] G06 F 17/60

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 705/26, 705/27, 705/28

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ART-UNIT: 2132

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Lee & Hayes, PLLC

ABSTRACT:

A system and method for designing and operating an electronic store (1) permit a merchant to organize and advertise descriptions of product inventory over the Internet, (2) permit Web page information to be extracted on-demand from a product inventory database, and (3) permit Web pages to be automatically customized to fit shopping behaviors of individual consumers. A graphical store design user interface of a Web browser displays a hierarchical representation of products and, product groups of an electronic store. A user manipulates icons of the Web browser store design user interface to cause a Web server to modify relationships between products and product groups stored in a product information database. A store designer creates HTML template files, embeds database and customize references within the template files, and assigns template files to groups or products of the electronic store.

The Web server receives requests to access Web pages from consumers using standard Web browsers. The Web server opens a template file related to the requested Web page, creates hyperlinks and other information content by executing database references embedded within the template file, and merges the hyperlinks and content with the template file to generate an HTML Web page to send to the Web browser. The Web server automatically creates additional hyperlinks to any Web pages or products preferred by the consumer by executing customize instructions associated with customize references in a template file. To determine whether any products or Web pages are preferred by a consumer, the Web server examines a traffic analysis database and extracts the consumer's history of accesses to Web pages and orders of products. For each Web page the consumer has accessed, the Web server uses preferred page rules to determine whether the page was accessed with sufficient frequency to generate a hyperlink to the page. For each product the consumer ordered, the Web server uses preferred product rules to determine whether the product was ordered with sufficient frequency to generate a hyperlink to a page offering the product.

17 Claims, 33 Drawing figures

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United States Patent
Ross, Jr., et al.

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September 30, 2003

Affiliate commerce system and method
Abstract

The present invention is directed to an e-commerce outsourcing system and method that provides hosts with transparent, context sensitive e-commerce supported pages. The look and feel of a target host is captured for future use. The look and feel is captured by receiving the identification of an example page on the target host, retrieving the page, identifying the look and feel elements of the identified page and storing the identified elements. The host is provided with links correlating the host with a link for inclusion within a page on the host website for serving to a visitor computer, wherein the provided link correlates the host website with a selected commerce object contextually related to material in the page. The commerce object can be a product, a product category or a dynamic selection indicator. Upon activation of the provided link, the visitor computer is served with an e-commerce supported page with the look and feel of the host website associated with the activated link and with content based upon the commerce object associated with the activated link. Where the commerce object is a dynamic selection indicator the content is selected at the time of activation based upon an analysis of the page containing the activated link.

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iVillage And Trellix Partner to Provide Women With Enhanced Website Building Capabilities.

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 28, 2000

iVillage Inc. (Nasdaq: IVIL), operator of iVillage.com: The Women's Network (<http://www.ivillage.com> and AOL keyword: ivillage) and Trellix(R) Corporation, the leading software and services provider for easy-to-create Web sites, today announced an alliance to bring enhanced tools to the iVillage Web site. Through this partnership, Trellix provides iVillage users with a Web site building tool that allows the creation of dynamic and complex Web sites free of charge.

With the iVillage WebSite Builder, members can easily create and customize their own Web sites from dozens of different templates, including personal topics such as hobbies or family trees; online photo albums to share with friends and relatives; and specific vertical businesses, clubs, schools and organizations. In addition, iVillage offers a WebSite Resource Center where site builders can get useful ideas on improving or marketing their sites, and interact with other site builders through message boards and chats.

"Women represent more than 50 percent of all current Web users and nearly 60 percent of new users on the Web," said Don Bulens, president and CEO of Trellix Corporation. "Through this partnership we can enable more women to discover the power of communicating through their own web sites by providing reliable and easy to use Web site building tools."

"iVillage's goal is to provide our community of women with the best solutions and resources available online," said Doug McCormick, Chief Executive Officer, iVillage, Inc. "This partnership provides us with quality advertising inventory and allows sponsors additional access to our desirable audience."

A full-featured, browser-based site builder for creating rich, multi-page web sites, Trellix Web Express features vibrant, professional designs and pre-populated sample content to speed the creation of high quality sites. Key features include Web Gems(TM) to easily add interactivity and specialized content such as e-commerce capabilities, merchant affiliate links, site promotion and maps; site management tools to build and maintain multiple sites; "click-in-context" editing; automatic page linking; and comprehensive integrated support.

About iVillage.com: The Women's Network

iVillage.com: The Women's Network (<http://www.ivillage.com> and AOL keyword: ivillage) is the leading women's network online providing practical solutions and everyday support for women between the ages of 25 and 54. iVillage.com is organized into branded communities across 17 content channels that focus on issues of most importance to women and provide interactive services, peer support and online access to experts and tailored shopping opportunities. Content channels include allHealth, Astrology, Beauty, Click!: Where Computers Make Sense, Diet & Fitness, Food, Home & Garden, Lamaze.com, MoneyLife, ParentsPlace, Parent Soup, Pets, Readers & Writers, Relationships, Travel, Work from Home and Working Diva. Established in 1995 and headquartered in New York City, iVillage Inc. (Nasdaq: IVIL) is a new media company, recognized as an industry leader in developing innovative sponsorship and commerce relationships that match the desire of marketers to reach women with the needs of iVillage.com members for relevant information and services.

About Trellix Corporation

Founded in 1995 by software visionary Dan Bricklin, Trellix Corporation helps people express their passions - both personal and entrepreneurial - through vibrant web sites. Trellix believes that web sites are valuable to everyone, and that any person should be able to easily create their own. The company distributes its web site building services and tools through partnerships with many of the world's leading brands. Trellix' private-label web site building service is deployed on major destination sites such as Lycos' Tripod, iVillage.com, ZDNet, Bolt and BizLand, helping them to attract, retain and increase revenues from their customers. Trellix has also achieved extensive OEM distribution - including 4 of the top 5 PC companies - reaching 35 million people this year. Concord, Massachusetts-based Trellix is privately held, with world-class investors. For more information, visit Trellix at <http://www.trellix.com>.

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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for dynamic negotiation of a network payment framework

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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for managing transactions in a high availability system

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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for network electronic payment instrument and certification of payment and credit collection utilizing a payment

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	KMNC
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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for a modular gateway server architecture

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Jan 20, 1998

US-PAT-NO: 5710887

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5710887 A

TITLE: Computer system and method for electronic commerce

DATE-ISSUED: January 20, 1998

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 Arlen; "Cyberselling: Shopping Comes to the Web"; Response TV; Jul. 1995; p. 26; Dialog: File 16, Acc# 05681939.

ART-UNIT: 241

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Hayes; Gail O.

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ABSTRACT:

A system for facilitating commercial transactions, between a plurality of customers and at least one supplier of items over a computer driven network capable of providing communications between the supplier and at least one customer site associated with each customer. Each site includes an associated display and an input device through which the customer can input information into the system. At least one supplier is presented on the display for selection by the customer using the input device. Similarly items from a supplier can be displayed for the customer to observe. Associated with a supplier of such items is an item database including information on presented items. Pricing subsystem receives information from the item database to determine the cost associated with a presented item. In addition a customer information database stores information relating to the customer. Associated with each customer is a customer monitoring object for each customer. The customer monitoring object is created by referencing information, relating to that customer, which had been stored in the customer information database and when the customer selects a supplier. The customer monitoring object is configured to operate by responding to customer enquiries regarding a presented item by retrieving information relating to the item and presenting the information to the customer; receiving a customer's selection of a presented item; receiving customer communications, indicating a desire to receive the item; and passing a communication to initiate the delivery of the item to the customer.

49 Claims, 19 Drawing figures

US-PAT-NO: 5987140
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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for secure network electronic payment and credit collection

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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for conditionally accepting a payment method utilizing an extensible, flexible architecture

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File: USPT

Mar 30, 1999

US-PAT-NO: 5889863
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TITLE: System, method and article of manufacture for remote virtual point of sale processing utilizing a multichannel, extensible, flexible architecture

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US-PAT-NO: 5890138

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5890138 A

TITLE: Computer auction system

DATE-ISSUED: March 30, 1999

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ART-UNIT: 275

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: MacDonald; Allen R.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Myhre; James W.

ABSTRACT:

An auction system is disclosed which allows users to participate using their own computers suitably connected to the auction system. Preferably, this connection uses INTERNET. The invention involves a method and system for providing rapid feedback of a reverse auction process and removes the user from the process once an indication to purchase has been received. Rapid feedback in combination with security of information is achieved with the method and auction system.

5 Claims, 12 Drawing figures